

The Law

The Redmond Municipal Code protects the City's surface water (RMC chapter 13.06) and the City's groundwater (RMC chapter 13.07).

- The City will work with you to help you find the correct way to dispose of waste materials.
- Polluters are responsible for the cost of clean up after dumping. This can be expensive.
- Offenders can be brought before the Hearing Examiner, fined and/or subject to other penalties.

Questions? Contact the Division of Natural Resources, 425-556-2825.



The River Starts With You!



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The River Starts Here



Stop!

We Need to Change What You are Doing!

- **Do not pour ANYTHING into a storm drain.** This includes: oils, soda, warm water, carwash runoff, paint, window washing fluid... in short, ANYTHING!
- Do not allow wastewater from dumpsters, or other containers, to drain into the storm drains.
- Storm drain systems are more than catch basin grates that collect water in parking lots. They also include grassy areas called swales, retention ponds, and other features. If you have a question about this, contact us at 425-556-2825.

The river does NOT start here.

Wastewater from sinks and toilets goes to the sanitary sewer system—treatment occurs and it is released into the environment.

Storm drains are NOT sanitary sewers!



Go!

Dispose of Wastes and Other Materials Properly.

- **Painters:** All brush cleaning should occur in a sink, not outside. All paints, thinners, and other chemicals should be disposed of properly. For information call 206-296-3976.
- **Restaurants:** Mop water and other wastewater should be dumped into a sink, not outside. Make sure that dumpsters do not leak fluid into storm drains. Dispose of fats, oils, and grease properly. For information call 425-556-2827.
- **Auto Shops, Auto Supplies, and Auto Dealers:** Recycle used motor oil, antifreeze, etc. For information call 206-296-4692. Use carwash containment kits to capture wastewater. For more information call 425-556-2822.
- **Carpet Cleaners:** Dispose of dirty, soapy water in a sink or sanitary sewer. DO NOT dump cleaning solutions into a storm drain, onto concrete, or outside.

King County website on hazardous waste disposal:
<http://www.govlink.org/hazwaste/business/>

Why!

Waste in Storm Drains Pollutes our Water!

The City regulates what goes into the storm drain systems in order to:

- **Protect our Health:** Allowing waste to enter storm drains subjects people to toxins and promotes the growth of harmful bacteria. Allowing this waste to enter our storm drains pollutes groundwater, and *in Redmond, we drink groundwater!*
- **Protect Fish and Wildlife:** Soaps, cleaning chemicals, oils, and many other materials are harmful to fish and wildlife.
- **Comply with the Law:** Federal, State, and City governments require water in lakes, rivers, and ponds to meet water quality standards. Violators can be fined.

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Water collected by a storm drain **IS NOT TREATED**. It goes directly into our streams, ponds, and lakes.

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